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For: Centrifuge and Container System for	}	
Treatment of Blood and Blood Components)	
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Customer Number: 24994)	

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Sir,

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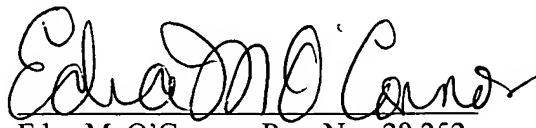
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		3,326,458	6/1967	Merman et al			
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		WO92/00145	1/1992	PCT			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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